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1. WE ARE UNCERTAIN FROM PARA 1 OF REFTTEL WHAT IS THE GOG

OBJECTIVE IN THE MEETING WITH LANDE. AS NOTED IN PARA 2 OF STATE 22026, LANDE WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FORMAL RESPONSE TO GOG PRESENTATION. THUS ANY SUGGESTIONS OR PROPOSALS THAT THE GOG MIGHT MAKE WOULD BE NOTED, AND WE WOULD REPLY AFTER LANDE'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

2. IF A MEETING OCCURS, LANDE WILL BE ABLE TO BRIEF GOG OFFICIALS ON PATTERN SET IN EXCHANGES ON GSP ELIGIBILITY WITH PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND ISRAEL. OUR APPROACH HAS BEEN SIMILAR IN EACH CASE. HE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO REITERATE AND AMPLIFY ON THE USG POSITION SET FORTH IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD CLEARLY STATE THAT USG IS NOT RPT HOT ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS. GSP IS A UNILATERAL GRANT ON THE PART OF THE DONOR COUNTRIES. OUR APPROACH TO THESE CONSULTATIONS IS TO EXPLAIN THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 502(B)(3) AND TO EXPLAIN THE ACTION THAT GOG WOULD HAVE TO TAKE TO REMOVE THE PROSCRIPTION OF THAT SECTION. FYI WE KNOW OF NO OTHER SECTION OF THE LAW WHICH WOULD RENDER GREECE INELIGIBLE FOR GSP. END FYI

4. LANDE PREPARED TO MEET GOG OFFICIALS FEBRUARY 14 IN GENEVA. PLEASE ADVISE IF ACCEPTABLE. OTHER MEMBERS OF US GSP CONSULTATIVE DELEGATION WILL NOT BE IN EUROPE, THUS MEETING SHOULD BE VIEWED AS INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN LANDE AND AS MANY INTERESTED GOG OFFICIALS AS MAY WISH TO ATTEND. NO REPEAT NO OTHER USG OFFICIALS PLAN TO ATTEND.

5. OTHER THAN LANDE'S PLANNED TRIP, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS WILL BE IN EUROPE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THUS, IF A MEETING WITH LANDE IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE SUGGEST THAT WE USE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY VIEWS. WITH REGARD TO THE CONSULTATIONS, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO GOG THAT WE STRONGLY PREFER WASHINGTON FOR ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH US INTERAGENCY PARTICIPATION AND SEE NO REASON TO CONSIDER A THIRD COUNTRY SITE.

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6. THE EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY THE ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS. (INCLUDE OECD PARIS AS INFO ADDRESSEE IN REPLY.) KISSINGER

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